

Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

MARCH, 2026

Board & Committee News

Landscape Committee: We had Cranefly and Moss treatments applied to our grass in February. You may see the grass go through some changes as we try to eradicate the moss and fill-in with healthy grass. Also, we are on the top of Crystal Greens' list for our Spring pre-check of the irrigation system.

Oregon Tree Service has removed and ground down two large, sick trees on our property. They will be replaced by two new trees, not necessarily in the same areas. If you would like to make a suggestion, we will take that under consideration. (**Many thanks to Máce** for some clean-up that was required but missed by OTS!!!)

We would like to focus on beautifying the pool area this year. Both West and East sides. We rely on Volunteers and our Bottle Fund Account to fund projects such as this one, so we try to keep our costs as low as possible. PLEASE contribute as often as you can; it really makes a difference. We will be on the lookout for a **rototiller that we could borrow**, hopefully with a person who knows how to use it. We'd like to prep the soil before we start planting. We say it often, but once again....We are a community of volunteers. **PLEASE HELP US MAKE RIVERWOOD AS BEAUTIFUL AS WE CAN!**

Landscape Fund: We currently have \$647 in our account from our bottle returns! Thank you to all who contribute their RINSED, returnable cans and plastic bottles!! If you have ideas for landscape projects around Riverwood, please send them to: riverwoodlandscapeteam@gmail.com!

Landscape Issues We are asking anyone who has a problem, concern or an observation about Crystal Greens Landscaping to PLEASE ***take a photo, *write a description of the situation, *include DW# & nearest address and *send it to your Driveway Representative or on to Riverwood Landscape: riverwoodlandscapeteam@gmail.com** This information will be turned over to our Account Manager and will be addressed and resolved. Thank you for your assistance.

Newsletter Committee: **This will be the last edition of the Newsletter under this editor.** Please reach out to Jann at 503-880-1364 if you have any interest in or questions about producing the Newsletter. News will have to pass from neighbor-to-neighbor until a new Editor steps up. Thanks for 3+ years of creative and challenging opportunities!

Pool Committee: **It is less than 3 months until our pool opens for the summer!** There are a few projects that we want to do before the target opening on May 23; paint the women's bathroom, paint the men's bathroom and paint the pool deck. It will take community volunteers' help to make these improvements happen. If you use the pool during the summer and are physically able, please consider how you can help.

Calling for painting volunteers Saturday, April 4th, 10:00, to paint the women's bathroom. The hope is that the first coat and all detail work will be done, so the second coat should go on pretty quickly. Bring your paint roller and pan if you have one. Questions? Reach out to Lisa Dashiell, 503-293-6861.

Recreation Committee: FINGER FOOD and FUN! That's the theme of our Potluck Social this month! Please join your neighbors for the **March 29th Potluck at 2:00 pm in the Recreation Room.** Please bring a dish to share and a bowl or plate, utensils and a beverage of your choice.

Crafternoon!!! Hey everyone! We have scheduled another crafting get-together in the Rec Room on **Saturday, March 21, from 11a until 2pm** (or until we are tired!). Please come and join us! You might meet some new neighbors, and maybe start learning a new craft! Hope to see you there. [Plan ahead for Crafternoon on **April 18th!** Same time, same place!]

Game Night!! April 12th and May 17th, we'll play games at 2PM in the Rec Room. Bring a game or use the ones there. Favorites so far have been **10 Thousand** (also known as **Farkle**), **Poker** and **Apples & Oranges**. Snacks have also been known to have shown up!

Welcome Committee: At Thursday night's Board meeting (3/12/26), there were a number of changes to the Riverwood Board and Committee roster page. **Attached you will find the updated page.** Please note the changes in contacts for various committee positions, maintenance contacts, and ongoing needs. Please see where you can support our self-managed community by volunteering for an open spot. It takes YOU to keep Riverwood self-managed.

Our next scheduled Board/Membership Meeting is Thursday, April 14th, 6:30 pm.

From the Residents

Send your feedback, ideas, recipes, pet photos, notices, etc. to rwh.news@gmail.com.

From the Editor: One of our long-time Residents recently lost her beloved Shih Tzu, Makena (also a long-time Resident), Karen E. was Makena's third home at just 7 months old. Shih Tzus are very smart dogs, which other people interpret as "difficult," but Karen knew better, having already had one. Makena knew she had found the person whom she could wrap around her little paw as she settled in on Karen's lap for the drive home from Puyallup. We will remember Makena, waiting for her dog-friends to join her at the weekly Friday Gatherings or chewing on her treats by her Mom's feet. Later in Makena's life, you may have seen Karen taking Makena for walks in her stroller. Many talk of their pets crossing over the Rainbow Bridge. Wherever Makena is, we hope she is happy.



From Lisa D: Celebrate Earth Day right in our neighborhood: How we move shapes our planet.

Explore cleaner, more proactive ways to move through and live in Portland — from biking and riding TriMet to clean energy and the food we eat — at the City of Portland's Earth Day 2026. Join us on April 11 from 12 to 3 p.m. at Parkrose Middle School to build a more sustainable future.

The Earth in Motion event will feature free activities for folks to enjoy: - Bike rides by BIKETOWNpdx - Scooter

rides by Lime - Food provided by Milk Crate Kitchen. Check out the City's first electric fire engine from Portland Fire & Rescue and electric street sweeper from Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT). Visit an EV tailgate hosted by the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF). Portland.gov/Earth-Day

Advertisements

From Joyce Christman: Free TV, 24", in like-new condition. (see below)

Also from Joyce: For sale: Thomasville sofa, like new. 85" long. Asking \$500. (see below)



Resources

East Portland Tool Library: SPRING & SUMMER EXPANDED HOURS: WEDNESDAYS 5-7PM BEGIN APRIL 1ST. ANNUAL VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION: THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH reception & information session. Volunteer opportunities include working a shift, PR, social media, tool repair, and tabling events like farmers' markets. (RSVPs appreciated)

From PGE: An update about April pricing - We know many folks are keeping a close eye on expenses right now, so we wanted to share an early heads-up. Electricity prices are expected to change on April 1. Updates like this reflect higher energy costs, federal energy tariffs, system maintenance and improvements, and more. Changes are pending approval by the Oregon Public Utility Commission and **will be decided on March 25. [See your \\$\\$\\$ at work](#)**

Also from PGE: Put smart power strips to work – Do you leave your charger plugged in with nothing charging? It could still be using power. [Smart power strips](#) are a simple way to keep what you need on, while cutting back on extra energy use from electronics you're not using. [Explore more tips](#)

Community Contacts:

Police: 911 or **Police Non-emergency:** 503-823-3333
Park Rangers: 503-823-1637 or **General Parks:** 503-823-7529
PDX Stolen Cars [Facebook Group](#)
PBOT Abandoned Auto: 503-823-7309 or [Report Abandoned Autos Online](#)
Speeding: 503-823-7233
Graffiti: 503-823-4000 or 311 (say you wish to request graffiti cleanup) or [Report Graffiti Online](#)

Houseless: 311 (say you wish to file a houseless report) or [Report Campsite Online](#)
Rid-Patrol: Illegal Campsite-related garbage: 503-234-3000 or [Report Dumped Garbage Online](#)
Portland Street Response is available city wide. They can be reached by dialing 911 or [Online](#)
PDXReporter: Smart phone app or [online](#) to reach all the above (except the police):
Air Quality: 888-997-7888
Excessive Noise: 10pm to 7am: contact the Noise Officer at 503-823-7350

Food resources in Argay Terrace

Great news! Shaver Elementary SUN/IRCO food pantry will remain open until at least June 2026! It was previously set to close December 12th due to Oregon Food Bank Budget cuts. Find it in the same place - Shaver Elementary basketball courts on **Fridays from 2:30-4pm**.



Feed'um Freedom Black Community Food Center at 4450 NE 131st Place - Wednesday 2:30pm-4pm / Thursday 3pm-6pm / Friday 2pm-4:30pm. If you have an interest in agriculture, [here's information](#) about their programs.

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association News

A Stretch of Darkness on I-84: You may have noticed all the street lights are out on I-84 from NE 102nd to the MAX bridge leaving Gateway Transit Center. It's causing a very dark driving experience both east and westbound. We reported this to ODOT and received the following response:

“Our Region 1 Electrical Crew and electrical contractors have been working diligently to correct lighting issues in several highly impacted areas. Due to extreme vandalism and theft to the infrastructure in those areas, our crews have worked tirelessly to repair those damages while also reinforcing to prevent future access. Material delay times, additional preventative measures and large labor hour requirements have caused some delays in getting the lighting restored, however, every measure to ensure public safety and efficient use of funding has been taken to provide the level of service our traveling public expects. Please don't hesitate to continue to report outages or damaged infrastructure to us. We value your feedback and patience as we continue to maintain our highway systems.”

Some sweet ways to support Shaver Elementary school: See's Candy Fundraiser - Get your chocolate fix delivered straight to your door while supporting Shaver Elementary Community Organization! A portion of all sales go towards Shaver events, resources, supplies and more. [Order before March 20th!](#)

Shaver Trail Blazer's Night - SECO is partnering with the Portland Trail Blazers for a school fundraiser. A portion of all ticket sales will go to supporting field trips, school supplies, community events, and more. Portland vs Washington – Date & Time: Sunday, March 29th 2026, 3:00 PM

Portland's 2026–27 budget process is underway: And this is your chance to speak up! What should District 1 prioritize? Parks? Roads? Public safety? After-school programs? Small business support? Housing? Gun violence prevention?

Multnomah County is also setting its budget for homeless services. Weigh in March 10, 6:30 - 8pm — City Club conversation with District 1 Councilors at Sokhom Tauch Community Center (10323 NE Glisan) or via Councilor Avalos' [budget survey & info sessions](#).

New pedestrian crossing at Beech street and 122nd: [Construction planned](#) for late summer 2026.

PBOT's Building a safer 122nd project: Expected to move from planning to implementation over the next year. In summer of 2026 repaving and change of traffic pattern is expected to be completed around Winco - NE Broadway to NE Glisan. [Details here](#).

Sidewalks coming between NE 122nd and NE 118th Fremont: [Details here.](#)

Sandy Blvd/ODOT future strategy: Between 2019 - 2023, 425 crashes occurred along Sandy Blvd in the Parkrose/Argay/Wilkes area. 20 of them were fatal. The ODOT strategy for future improvements can be [found here](#). PDF at page bottom.

Police outreach: Monthly meeting (3rd Thursday) with the North Police precinct. Any neighbor is welcome to attend either in person or online. Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC NE) - [sign up](#) for email reminders and zoom details. [Contact Joy Ishikawa](#) for details and/or submit questions.

Gardening Opportunities: The volunteer gardening season will start back up in the Spring for both Luuwit View and Argay Park. If you'd like to get involved with them contact

Argay Happenings

March 24 - 8:45am: Friends of Trees Planting Event. Volunteers are needed to help Friends of Trees and Portland Urban Forestry plant 100 trees in Argay Terrace, Parkrose, Parkrose Heights, Russell, and Wilkes. Coffee, hot chocolate, and a light breakfast will be provided. Meet at Level Beer. Register [here](#).

Every Wednesday - 6:30pm: Level Beer Trivia Night.

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REMEMBER:

**Newsletter articles, ads, etc. are due by Noon on the Tuesday following the Board Meeting!!!
Send to rwh.news@gmail.com. Next newsletter: March 17, 2026!**

An enormous "Thank You!" to those who contributed to this month's newsletter: Welcome Committee, Karen Hansen-Laird, Kris Clarke, Joyce Christman, Lynn Young, Karen Esterholdt, Argay View (ATNA newsletter), Pool Committee.

